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TURKEY BREEDER HENS ON FARMS JANUARY 1, 1955

Heavy breed turkey breeder hens on farms January 1, 1955 were estimated at 2,851,000 birds -- 5 percent more than a year earlier. Breeder hens of the light breeds were estimated at 583,000 -- a decrease of 16 percent, the Crop Reporting Board reported today.

Numbers of heavy breed hens on January 1 this year show increases in all parts of the country, except the South Atlantic, where there was a decrease of 5 percent from a year earlier. Increases were 13 percent in the West North Central, 7 percent in the East North Central, 6 percent in the South Central and 2 percent in the North Atlantic and the West. The 6 leading States with 60 percent of the heavy breeders in the country are, ranking in the order named, California, Texas, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon and Iowa. These 6 States have 8 percent more heavy breeders than a year ago.

Breeder hens of the light breeds on January 1 show decreases from a year earlier in all parts of the country. Decreases were 1 percent in the South Central, 14 percent in the South Atlantic, 19 percent in the West, 22 percent in the North Atlantic, 24 percent in the East North Central and 25 percent in the West North Central States. The 6 leading States with two-thirds of the light breeder hens in the country are Texas, Virginia, Minnesota, California, Missouri and Ohio. These States had 16 percent fewer light breeders on January 1 than a year ago.

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TURKEYS: BREEDER HENS ON FARMS JANUARY 1

State and Division	Heavy breeds			Light breeds		
	1954	1955	% of 1954	1954	1955	% of 1954
	Thousands	Percent		Thousands	Percent	
Maine	6	86		10	7	70
N.H.	7	100		---	---	---
Vt.	6	86		---	---	---
Mass.	21	91		1	1	100
R.I.	2	100		1	---	---
Conn.	11	100		1	1	100
N.Y.	58	65	112	3	2	67
N.J.	15	18	120	4	4	100
Pa.	53	60	95	29	23	79
N.Atl.	193	196	102	49	38	78
Ohio	88	114	130	28	25	89
Ind.	25	19	76	10	5	50
Ill.	42	42	100	7	6	86
Mich.	77	76	99	16	10	62
Wis.	43	44	102	7	6	86
E.N.Cent.	275	295	107	68	52	76
Minn.	114	200	139	101	67	66
Iowa	109	115	106	5	5	100
Mo.	163	181	111	54	45	83
N.Dak.	13	11	85	2	2	100
S.Dak.	10	10	100	3	2	67
Nebr.	27	27	100	1	2	200
Kans.	86	81	94	9	9	100
W.N.Cent.	552	625	113	175	132	75
Del.	8	6	75	2	2	100
Md.	44	46	105	7	6	86
Va.	55	57	104	117	98	84
W.Va.	9	14	156	13	11	85
N.C.	35	33	94	3	3	100
S.C.	68	57	84	11	12	109
Ga.	35	26	74	---	---	---
Fla.	15	16	107	5	4	80
S.Atl.	269	255	95	158	136	86
Ky.	32	30	94	1	1	100
Tenn.	14	13	93	1	1	100
Ala.	13	11	85	4	4	100
Miss.	12	11	92	---	---	---
Ark.	19	12	63	16	13	81
La.	9	8	89	---	---	---
Okla.	47	55	117	10	6	60
Texas	358	393	110	102	108	106
S.Cent.	504	533	106	134	133	99
Mont.	6	6	100	---	---	---
Idaho	5	2	40	1	1	100
Wyo.	3	3	100	---	---	---
Colo.	8	11	138	1	1	100
N.Mex.	8	7	88	---	---	---
Ariz.	6	6	100	---	---	---
Utah	11	15	136	15	11	73
Nev.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wash.	74	73	99	16	10	62
Oreg.	195	177	91	21	22	105
Calif.	614	647	105	60	47	78
West.	930	947	102	114	92	81
U.S.	2,723	2,851	105	698	583	84